

CHAPTER 8

EYES AND VISION

8.01 - Visual Acuity and Table

Visual acuity shall be assessed in accordance with the Table to Article 8.01 as corrected by eyeglasses or other prosthesis.

TABLE TO ARTICLE 8.01

**Assessment of Visual Acuity
(Wearing eyeglasses)**

ONE EYE	OTHER EYE								
	BLIND	< 6/60	< 6/60 20/200	< 6/36 20/120	< 6/24 20/80	< 6/18 20/60	< 6/12 20/40	< 6/9 20/30	< 6/6
BLIND	100%	100%	95%	85%	80%	55%	40%	30%	30%
< 6/60	100%	100%	90%	70%	55%	40%	30%	30%	30%
< 6/60 20/200	95%	90%	70%	60%	50%	30%	25%	20%	20%
< 6/36 20/120	85%	70%	60%	50%	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%
< 6/24 20/80	80%	55%	50%	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%	10%
< 6/18 20/60	55%	40%	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%	5%	5%
< 6/12 20/40	40%	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%	Nil	Nil	Nil
< 6/9 20/30	30%	30%	20%	15%	10%	5%	Nil	Nil	Nil
< 6/6	30%	30%	20%	10%	10%	5%	Nil	Nil	Nil

< = Less Than

8.02 - Errors of Refraction

1. Errors of refraction which are correctable with glasses to 6/12 or better are not considered to be an assessable disability.
2. Progressive myopia with degenerative changes is considered to be a disabling condition.

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8.03 - Aphakia

Aphakia, absence of the lens of an eye, shall be assessed in accordance with the Table to Article 8.03.

TABLE TO ARTICLE 8.03

Assessment for aphakia depends on the mode of correction:

- (a) Spectacles
 - (b) Contact lens
 - (c) Lens implant
- (a) Correction with spectacles:
- 15% - 1. One eye normal, other eye aphakic, correctable to 6/9 or better.
 - 20% - 2. Both eyes aphakic, correctable to 6/9 or better.
 - 35% - 3. One eye blind, other eye aphakic, correctable to 6/9 or better.
- (b) Correction with contact lens, or;
- (c) Implant - refer to the Table to Article 4.01 (Visual Acuity).

8.04 - Diplopia

Constant, uncorrectable diplopia - 25%.

8.05 - Trauma

1. Total loss of vision of eye - 30%*.
2. Loss of eye (enucleation) - 40%*.

*Fixed in the Table for purposes of Fixed Disability Age Increase.

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8.06 - Visual Field Defects

Visual field defects shall be assessed in accordance with the Table to Article 8.06.

TABLE TO ARTICLE 8.06

Assessment of Visual Field Defects

80%	Left and Right Homonymous Hemianopia without sparing of the maculae (reversed for left-handed persons)	50%
30%	Left and Right Homonymous Hemianopia with sparing of the maculae	30%
20%	Upper and Lower Altitudinal Hemianopia with sparing of the maculae	35%
20%	Bi-Temporal and Bi-Nasal Hemianopia with sparing of the maculae	20%
5%	Upper Quadrantic Hemianopia with sparing of the maculae	5%
10%	Lower Quadrantic Hemianopia with sparing of the maculae	10%
15%	Central Scotomata	